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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
CHIEKO OHSUMI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: COLLINS, C. E.
SERIAL NO: 09/810,186 :
FILED: MARCH 19, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1638
FOR: A METHOD FOR INCREASING STRESS-RESISTANCE TO A PLANT

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 22, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

A discussion of the **Support for the Amendments** begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.